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SUBJ: GUATEMALAN EARTHQUAKE - REQUEST FOR DOD FIELD COMPUTER
FOR COORDINATION OF INFORMATION ON DISASTER RELIEF
SUPPLIES AND ACTIVITIES

REF: STATE 032235

1. FDRC HOLMES HAS BEGUN WITH FULL MISSION COOPERATION TO
ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP PROJECTIONS OF SHORTFALLS. IN SO DOING IT HAS
BECOME EVIDENT THAT BEFORE SPECIFIC SHORTFALL PROJECTIONS
CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED, GREATER CONTROL HAS TO BE EXERTED ON NATURE
AND USE OF SUPPLIES ARRIVING IN COUNTRY. INFORMATION ON INCOMING
SUPPLIES, PERSONNEL AND DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLIES IS FIRST STEP
IN GATHERING BASELINE DATA FROM WHICH PROJECTIONS CAN BE
MADE.

2. AID CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER FRANCIS KENEFICK HAS MADE
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A RECOMMENDATION WHICH WE FEEL HAS GREAT MERIT: DURING PRIOR

SERVICE TEN YEARS AGO WITH THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, KENEFICK BECAME FAMILIAR WITH WORK BEING DONE BY MILITARY AT THAT TIME TO DEVELOP COMPLETELY MOBILE FIELD COMPUTERIZED REPORTING AND CONTROL SYSTEMS TO DEAL WITH COMBAT DAMAGE. SUCH DAMAGE INCLUDES ROADS, BRIDGES, WATER SUPPLIES, POWER N ETC. AND MEN, MONEY AND MATERIALS AND TIME ESTIMATES TO RESTORE NEEDED SERVICES. IT IS MISSION BELIEF THAT SUBSEQUENT WORK DONE BY MILITARY IN COMPUTERIZED MANAGEMENT SHOULD HAVE DEVELOPED A SMALL PORTABLE COMPUTER (ESPECIALLY IN CORPS OF ENGINEERS). WHICH COULD HELP COORDINATE REQUIREMENTS AND RESOURCES AND THEREBY RESPOND MORE EFFECTIVELY TO NEEDS OF USG, GOG AND VOLAGS.

3. BRIEFLY, HERE IS A RUN DOWN ON DIFFICULTIES WE FACE IN FORMING PROJECTIONS. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED MAJOR AREAS OF ASSISTANCE: MEDICAL, FOOD, WATER, INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGE (BRIDGES, ROADS, RAILROADS, PORTS, UTILITIES, ETC.); POPULATION DISPERSAL, SHELTER, TRANSPORTATION (DELIVERY SYSTEMS), COMMUNICATIONS, GEOLOGY/METEREOLOGY (AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR AS WE NOW FEEL THAT THE CRITICAL RELIEF PERIOD WILL BE IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE RAINS BEGIN).

B. FOR ONE MAJOR AREA, SUCH AS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, WE HAVE DEVELOPED AN INFORMATION FRAMEWORK, WHICH IF COMPLETELY FILLED WITH NEEDED INFORMATION, COULD PROVIDE GOG WITH TOOL TO CONTROL OPERATIONS AND THE BASELINE DATA NEEDED FOR PROJECTIONS IN AREA OF ASSISTANCE. HOPEFULLY THIS FRAMEWORK WILL SERVE AS A MODEL FOR ALL AREAS OF NEED.

EXAMPLE FORMAT:

I. STATEMENT OF NEED

- A. PRIORITY
- B. SITUATION
- C. NUMBER OF PEOPLE AFFLICTED

II. REQUIRED RESPONSE -

A. CATEGORY OF RESOURCES

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MATERIALS/COMMODITIES

PERSONNEL

FUNDS

B. TIMING OF RESPONSE

C. DELIVERY SYSTEMS

D. ESTIMATED DURATION/APPLICATION

III. RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN COUNTRY

- A. LOCATION/SOURCE
- B. QUANTITIES/TYPE
- 1. MATERIALS/COMMODITIES
- 2. PERSONNEL
- 3. FUNDS

C. ABILITY TO DELIVER/TIMING

- 14. SHORTFALL PROJECTIONS
- A. -
- B. - SAME LINES AS IN II ABOVE
- C. -

V. SHORTFALL RESPONSE - EXTERNAL DONORS

- A. LOCATION/SOURCE (US, VOLAGS, FOREIGN NATIONS, INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES, OTHER)
- B. (SAME LINES AS A.B.C. IN III ABOVE)
- C.
- D.

4. A FIELD COMPUTER WOULD PROVIDE THE REQUIRED CAPABILITY TO COLLECT, STORE, RETRIEVE AND UPDATE THE CRITICAL INFORMATION TO MEET THE NEEDS IN ALL AREAS OF ACTIVITY AND REPORTING. WE MIGHT ALSO NOTE THAT USING A COMPUTER IN THIS FASHION TO MEET DISASTER RELIEF NEEDS WOULD BE A PRECEDENT IN DISASTER RELIEF. WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN A LOGICAL AND UPDATED MANNER, THE MISSION, GOG, VOLAGS AND OTHER DONORS COULD MORE EFFECTIVELY ESTABLISH THEIR PRIORITIES. INHERENT IN THIS PROPOSAL IS OUR BELIEF THAT COSTS SAVINGS COULD BE EFFECTED AND RELIEF PROVIDED MORE EFFECTIVELY THROUGH THIS PRIORITIZATION PROCESS.

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5. WE HOPE THAT THIS CABLE WILL SERVE AS A REQUIREMENTS STATEMENTS FOR DOD. PLEASE ADVISE MISSION AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF SUCH A COMPUTER, MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS, POWER NEEDS, ETC. AND PROVIDE SAME ASAP. THE NEED FOR THIS CAPABILITY IS URGENT. WHEN WE HAVE YOUR REACTION TO OUR PROPOSAL WE WILL SUGGEST THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA CONSIDER HOOKING UP WITH THIS SYSTEM. IN ANY EVENT, WITH OR WITHOUT GOG COOPERATION, SUCH A SYSTEM WOULD BE INVALUABLE. WE WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE INTENDED OR ACTUAL INSTALLATION OF THIS SYSTEM CONCURRENT WITH ADMINISTRATOR PARKER'S VISIT IF POSSIBLE.

6. IN SUBSEQUENT SITUATION REPORTS, WE WILL TRY TO PROVIDE FDRC WITH PROJECTIONS OF SHORTFALLS, BUT FEEL THAT SUCH PROJECTIONS CAN ONLY BE MORE QUALITATIVE THAN QUANTITATIVE

UNTIL THE INFORMATION RETRIEVAL AND ANALYSIS CAPABILITY
DESCRIBED ABOVE IS IN PLACE IN GUATEMALA AND FUNCTIONING.
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